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30th Annual Trenton Computer Festival Comes Home to TCNJ, April 16-17

EWING, NJ ... The oldest personal computer show and sale in the world will return “home” to The College of New Jersey this spring. The Trenton Computer Festival, now in its 30th year, will be held April 16 – 17 at the College’s campus on Route 31 in Ewing, NJ.

Created in 1976 by Sol Libes of the Amateur Computer Group of New Jersey and Allen Katz, professor of engineering science at the College, the current festival has not strayed far from its origins as an annual educational event with speakers, forums, user group meetings, an exhibitor area and an outdoor flea market. This year’s event includes indoor commercial exhibits, an outdoor computer and electronics flea market, multi-player games LAN parties, free Wi-Fi Access, and more than 80 seminars on a wide range of computer-related topics, including advanced Web site development, robotics, digital photography, making your own circuit boards, and even how to be a “power seller” using Internet auction services such as eBay.

This year’s keynote speech, “Computers: What Matters, and Why” will be delivered on April 16 by Dr. Brian Kernighan, professor of computer science at Princeton University. “Computers are a pervasive influence in our lives, yet people are sometimes surprisingly unaware of what computers can and can't do, let alone how they do it, and even of the effects of computers on our lives,” wrote Kernighan in his abstract. “In this talk I will explore some of the central ideas of computing and communications, and discuss why it is important that everyone should have some basic understanding of them.”

Currently, the Trenton Computer Festival functions as a non-profit educational corporation, operated by volunteers from The College of New Jersey and the Amateur Computer Group of New Jersey, along with several other organizations: The New York Amateur Computer Club, The Computer Education Society of Philadelphia, and the Princeton / Central Jersey section of the IEEE (Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, Inc.).

Show hours on Saturday, April 16 are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday show hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The flea market will open at 9 a.m. both days and will be a “rain or shine” event. Indoor exhibits will be held in the Student Recreation Center and speaker sessions will be held in campus classrooms and in the Brower Student Center. Tickets are \$10 if purchased in advanced, but will be available at the door for \$15.

For advance tickets, please call the Trenton Computer Festival show management office at 800.631.0062, or visit www.tcf-nj.org for more information.

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